



Department of Human Resources

Open-Competitive Exam Announcement

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OC-60408

Firefighter - Airport

Application Fee: **\$25.00**

Examination Date: **January 11, 2003**

Closing Date for Filing: **December 4, 2002**

Salary: **\$34,652 - \$43,844 annually**

Employment Opportunities: **The eligible list will be used to fill vacancies at the Monroe County Airport as they occur. Vacancies are expected to occur from time to time.**

Minimum Qualifications:

Graduation from high school or possession of an equivalency diploma, PLUS:

- (A) Two (2) years of full-time career paid experience in fire-fighting; OR,
- (B) Two (2) years of full-time paid experience in aircraft rescue for the military; OR,
- (C) Graduation from a regionally accredited or New York State registered college or university with an Associate's degree in Fire Science or Fire Protection Technology, or a Bachelor's degree in Fire Management; OR,
- (D) Certification in Basic Firefighter/Fire-fighting Essentials,* plus five (5) years of documented volunteer fire-fighting experience, **AND** certified in at least three (3) of the following:

- Certified First Responder (CFRD)*
- Apparatus Operator – Pump*
- Ladder Company Operations*
- Haz-Mat First Responder Operations*
- Emergency Vehicle Operation Course (EVOC)*
- Initial Fire Attack*

- (E) Any equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (A) and (B) above.

*Applicants qualifying under (D) must provide certificates of completed courses, or written verification from department Fire Chief.

Special Requirements:

Certification as New York State Emergency Medical Technician (EMTD) at time of appointment.

Possession of a Class *D* driver's license at the time of appointment.

Successful completion of the NYS Certification Recruit Fire-fighting within the first twelve (12) months of employment.

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NOTE: Applicants must not be less than twenty-one (21) years of age at the time of appointment. Volunteer fire-fighting cannot be substitute for paid fire-fighting experience.

Candidates for positions at the Monroe County Department of Aviation must meet the pre-employment requirements of Part 107 of the Federal Aviation Administration Regulations prior to appointment.

Depending on the position duties, candidates for employment with the Monroe County Government will be required to pass a pre-employment drug test.

* part-time equivalent experience is as follows:

- 0-9 hours per week = no credit
- 10-19 hours per week = 1/4 (one-quarter) of full-time work
- 20-29 hours per week = 1/2 (one-half) of full-time work
- 30 hours or more per week = full-time work

Work experience must be full-time, or its part-time equivalent. Employment dates, average number of hours worked per week, and job duties must be included. Volunteer experience must be documented by the participating agency.

Residency Requirement:

Applicants must be residents of Monroe County for at least four (4) months at the time of examination.

Fees:

- ❖ A \$25.00 Application Fee for each examination for which you apply is to be paid with your application, unless the fee is waived for that examination.
- ❖ Make check or money order payable to: Monroe County Director of Finance
- ❖ Write your SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER AND EXAM NUMBER(S) ON YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER.

Be sure to compare your qualifications carefully with the requirements listed and file only for those examinations for which you clearly qualify and intend to take. We cannot prescreen applications submitted without the fee. No refunds will be made if your application is disapproved or you fail to appear for the test. There is a \$15.00 charge for returned checks. We do not accept cash.

Exception to Fee Requirement:

An exception to the application fee will be made only for persons receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments or public assistance, provided Foster Care or certified as Workforce Investment Act (WIA) eligible through a state or local social service agency, and for those who are unemployed and primarily responsible for the support of a household. Employees of Monroe County who are represented by the Federation of Social Workers, Local 381, are eligible for this waiver for all exams if they are in group 52 and below; employees in a salary group above 52 are eligible for the fee waiver, if the examination is for a title in their career field. Employees of Monroe County who are represented by C.S.E.A., Local 828, are eligible for this waiver, if they are in salary group 10 or below. The fee is waived for all Monroe County employees taking promotional exams. Individuals wishing to claim this waiver of fee must complete an application fee waiver request located on the last page of the application. Such claims are subject to later verification and, if not supported by appropriate documentation are grounds for barring appointment.

Description of Duties:

This is hazardous work at the Greater Rochester International Airport involving controlling and extinguishing aircraft and structural fires, operation and maintenance of specialized equipment for fire-fighting, and application of air/crash/rescue techniques. The work involves responsibility for the protection of life and property. Employees are responsible for medical, structural and aircraft emergencies. The employee must work unusual shift hours and must be physically capable of performing difficult tasks in a high degree of heat, stress and noise. The employee reports directly to and works under general supervision from the Fire Captain - Airport. Considerable independent judgment

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is exercised when responding to emergency situations. Supervision of other employees is not a responsibility of this class.

Scope of Examination:

A multiple-choice written test will cover knowledge, skills and /or abilities in such areas as:

1. Aircraft firefighting

This subtest contains questions on the correct rescue and fire-fighting procedures to implement during aircraft fires and related emergencies. It includes questions on aircraft construction, types of extinguishing and fire prevention equipment, proper procedure for aircraft fueling, defueling, fuel spillage, and correct salvage and overhaul procedures to follow at airports.

2. Fire prevention, fire inspections, and fire hazards

A test for knowledge of the common principle, techniques, philosophy and equipment of fire prevention, the practice and techniques of conducting inspections, and of particular fire hazards. The questions may deal with such areas as: fire prevention campaigns, automatic and other extinguishing systems, alarms, dealing with building owners and managers, characteristics of combustible materials, recognizing proper and improper practices related to prevention, and codes and regulations related to fire prevention.

3. Rescue & first responder

This sub-test requires the candidate to recall specific information, apply a principle, or know a proper course of action. The questions may cover various fire, crash, and personal injuries (bleeding, broken bones, burns, respiratory and cardiac failure, poisoning, shock, etc.), first aid methods, use of resuscitators, triage, knot tying, hydraulic tools, rescue equipment, and various rescue situations (structural fires, vehicle accidents, cave-ins, poisonous atmospheres, etc.)

4. Understanding and interpreting written material

These questions test how well you comprehend written material. You will be provided with brief reading selections and will be asked questions about the selections. All the information required to answer the questions will be presented in the selections; you will not be required to have any special knowledge relating to the subject areas of the selections.

Calculators and Reference Materials:

Most civil service written tests do not require the use of a calculator or slide rule. However, the use of calculators is **OPTIONAL** for this exam. Candidates have the option of bringing a hand-held, quiet, battery or solar-powered arithmetic calculator or a slide rule to the test room. Candidates will not be permitted to use calculators containing spell check, dictionary, language translator, address or telephone book, personal digital assistants, or typewriter keyboard features, or any similar devices. You may not bring books or other reference materials.

This examination is being prepared and rated by the New York State Department of Civil Service in accordance with Section 23-2 of the Civil Service Law. The provisions of the New York State Civil Service Rules and Regulations dealing with the rating of examinations will apply to this examination.

Applications:

Applications may be obtained at the address or web-site indicated at the bottom of this page and must be postmarked or filed in the Monroe County Department of Human Resources by the closing date for filing for this examination.

Candidates Must Record the Exam Number and Title on the Application.

Note:

Submission of a resume does not relieve you of the responsibility for completing all sections of the official application. The resume is a supplement to the application, and not a substitute for it. To receive credit for a job, basic employment information such as address, name and title of supervisor, average number of hours in the workweek, final salary, reason for leaving, specific job duties, your job title, etc. must be shown.

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Certifications and Appointments:

The eligible list resulting from this examination will be established in accordance with the final earned numerical rating of passing candidates regardless of residence. A municipality or district may exercise its right under Section 23 of the Civil Service Law to request an initial certification of eligibles who have been residents of that municipality or district for at least one (1) month on the date of certification and who are also legal residents of the appointing jurisdiction at the time of appointment, in accordance with their numerical rating. After the names of residents have been exhausted the Commission must then certify in regular rank order the names of non-residents on the list.

Special Requirement for Appointment in School Districts and BOCES:

Per Chapter 180 of the Laws of 2000, and by Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, to be employed in a position designated by a school district or BOCES as involving direct contact with students, a clearance for employment from the State Education Department is required.

Veteran's Credits:

Veterans entitled to and wishing to claim additional points must file in the Monroe County Department of Human Resources an Application for Veteran's Credits (VC-1) form, and a copy of their military discharge papers (DD-214). Disabled veterans must also file two (2) copies of an Authorization for Veteran's Disability Record (VC-4) with the Veteran's Administration. These forms are available at the Monroe County Department of Human Resources and must be filed within thirty (30) days of the examination date.

Candidates currently on active duty may apply within thirty (30) days of the examination. Upon discharge, candidates must submit a copy of their military discharge papers (DD-214). Any extra points will be applied upon our receipt of the discharge papers.

Children of Firefighters and Police Officers Killed in the Line of Duty:

In conformance with section 85-a of the Civil Service Law, children of firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty shall be entitled to receive an additional ten points in a competitive examination for original appointment in the same municipality in which his or her parent has served. If you are qualified to participate in this examination and are a child of a firefighter or police officer killed in the line of duty in this municipality, please inform this office of this matter when you submit your application for examination. A candidate claiming such credit must provide the necessary documentation to verify additional credit eligibility within thirty (30) days of the examination date. No credit may be added after the eligible list has been established.

Special Arrangements for Examination:

If you need an alternate test date because you are a Saturday Sabbath Observer or if you have a disability that requires special accommodations for you to participate in an examination, you must notify us at the address or telephone numbers listed at the bottom of this page by the application deadline. Indicate your request on the front of your application for each exam, and under separate cover submit a statement outlining the reason for your request, the exam number(s) and title(s), and attach supporting documentation.

Active Military Members:

Special testing arrangements may be available to applicants who are active military members. For further information contact the Monroe County Department of Human Resources before submitting an application.

Multiple Exam Takers:

Persons also applying for examinations offered by the City of Rochester and/or New York State Civil Service Commission held on the same date, must complete a crossfiler form, available from the Monroe County Department of Human Resources, which will provide for special arrangements. Arrangements must be made to take **ALL** examinations at **ONE** test site. Unless this form is filed with the Monroe County Department of Human Resources two (2) weeks prior to the exam date, we cannot ensure that such arrangements will be made. **If you are taking multiple exams on the same date with Monroe County Civil Service Commission only, you do not have to file a crossfiler form.**

Candidates taking more than one (1) exam in different exam series will be allowed the specified length of time for each exam, up to a maximum of eight (8) hours. Example: If you are taking one (1) exam which allows six (6) hours, and

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another exam in a different series which allows four (4) hours, you must complete both tests in eight (8) hours, but you can spend no more time on each exam than the time allotted for that exam.

Admission to Examination:

If you have not received your admission notice to appear for the examination three days before the date of the exam, call the Monroe County Department of Human Resources at 428-5550.

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